(iii) pointless or avoidable scenes of violence, cruelty and horror are not shown; and

(iv) human sensibilities are not offended by vulgarity, obscenity and depravity.

Moreover, films that are considered unsuitable for exhibition to non-adults are certified for exhibition to adult audiences only.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Details are now being worked out.

Kashmir situation

1042. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's perception of the present situation in Kashmir; and

(b) what steps have been taken to meet the threats to India's unity and integrity there?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) The present situation in Kashmir is very serious.

(b) Vigorous steps have been taken to tackle the law and order aspect, to restore the authority of the Administration and to initiate political and economic measures to bring back the people into the national mainsteam. Vigil on the border has been stepped up and diplomatic efforts have been initiated to contain the outside interference.

Formation of smaller States

1043. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during a visit to Maharasthra in January 1990, the Prime Minister advocated the formation of smaller States;

(b) whether Government plan to undertake any re-organisation of the States; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) The Prime Minister, while talking to newsmen at Nagpur, had stated that National Front Government favoured creation of smaller States, but he had also pointed out that re-organisation of States would depend on political possibilities.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Representation of Ministerial Staff Association of ITBP

1044. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 278 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th December, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the Ministerial Staff Association of Indo-Tibetan Border Police has represented against their combatisation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's response to each of the points raised therein;

(c) whether the combatisation in the ITBP is on similar lines as that in the Central Reserve Police Force, if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) what are the reasons for closing promotional avenues for

those existing employees who have not opted for the combatisation scheme; and

(e) what is the number of ministerial staff personnel on deputation to the ITBP from Central Secretariat Services and what is the impact of their continued stay in ITBP on the promotional prospects of others?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) The non-recognised Ministerial Staff Association, ITBP has represented for withdrawal of the combatisation scheme. In view of the poor response, the scheme is under review.

(c) The orders regarding combatisation of civilian posts in CRPF Hospitals issued on 19-9-89 are on the same lines as the one issued in respect of ITBP.

(d) A favourable response to the combatisation scheme was anticipated. Hence, a provision for allowing non-optees to continue in the civilian posts till superannuation was made, with a view to avoiding any hardship to them.

(e) Three members of the Central Secretariat Services are on deputation to ITBP. Two of them were given extension of deputation for one year beyond the initial three-year period, according to the rules, in the public interest.

Non-observance of Republic Day in Punjabi University

1045. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ceremony connected with 26th January, 1990 was not observed in Punjabi University, Patiala;

(b) if so, what are the reasons herefor; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against the Punjabi University authorities?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) According to information available, a national flag was hoisted by the Vice-Chancellor in the University campus and was attended by a number of persons from the University community.

(b) and (c) Do not rise.

मूक-बधिर व्यक्तियों के लिए दूरदर्शन द्वारा समाचारों का प्रसारण

1046. श्री सोहन लाल कूलिया : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दूरदर्शन प्रत्येक रविवार मध्यान्ह पश्चात् 1.15 बजे मूक-बधिर व्यक्तियों के लिए केवल अंग्रेजी में ही समाचार प्रसारित करता है ;

(ख) क्या मूक-बधिर व्यक्तियों के लिए अंग्रेजी और हिन्दी भाषा में समान संकेत ही निर्धारित किए गए हैं ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो मूक-बधिरों के लिए हिन्दी भाषा में समाचार प्रसारित न करने के क्या कारण हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी. उपेन्द्र) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) मूक बधिरों के लिए समाचार प्रसारित करने में दूरदर्शन द्वारा जिस संकेत भाषा का उपयोग किया जाता है वह भारत में बधिरों के लिए अंग्रेजी में राष्ट्रीय संकेत भाषा है। सुनने में असमर्थ लोगों को जिन्हें केवल अपनी क्षेत्रीय भाषाओं में ही प्रशिक्षण दिया गया होता है, दूरदर्शन के इस प्रसारण को समझने में कठिनाई हो सकती है। चूंकि भारत में अन्य कोई सांकेतिक भाषा नहीं है इसलिए दूरदर्शन के लिए मूक बधिरों के वास्ते किसी अन्य भाषा में समाचार प्रसारित करना संभव नहीं है।